

What is claimed is:

- 1           1.    A protective sports glove, comprising:  
2                a cuff portion for engaging at least a portion  
3 of a wearer's forearm;  
4                a hand portion having a palm portion and an  
5 opposing backside portion with a plurality of protective  
6 padded portion, said hand portion coupled to said cuff  
7 portion and having an inner side and an outer side;  
8                a plurality of finger portions secured to and  
9 extending from said hand portion for receipt of a  
10 wearer's fingers therein; and  
11               a flange portion extending generally away from  
12 one of said inner side or said outer side of the sports  
13 glove.
- 1           2.    The gloves of claim 1, wherein the  
2 protective sports glove is a lacrosse goalie glove.
- 1           3.    The glove of claim 2, wherein said hand  
2 portion is elastically coupled to said cuff portion.
- 3           4.    The glove of claim 2, further comprising:  
4                a thumb portion secured to and extending from  
5 said hand portion.
- 1           5.    The glove of claim 4, wherein said thumb  
2 portion includes a rigid protective portion to protect  
3 the wearer's thumb.
- 1           6.    The glove of claim 1, further comprising:  
2                a plurality of vent openings formed in said  
3 backside portion of said hand portion.

1           7. The glove of claim 2, wherein said palm  
2 portion is primarily comprised of a durable material with  
3 a plurality of mesh portions interspersed therein in  
4 areas that are not intended to contact a stick.

1           8. The glove of claim 2, further comprising:  
2 a wrist guard coupled to said hand portion.

1           9. The glove of claim 8, wherein said wrist  
2 guard is at least partially coupled to said hand portion  
3 by an elastic connector.

1           10. The glove of claim 8, wherein said wrist  
2 guard extends beyond said outer portion of the glove and  
3 is intended to block an incoming lacrosse ball.

1           11. The glove of claim 1, wherein said flange  
2 portion is connected to and extends from said outer side  
3 of the sports glove.

1           12. The glove of claim 11, wherein a wrist  
2 guard is coupled to said hand portion and extends beyond  
3 said outer side of the sports glove.

1           13. A lacrosse goalie glove comprising:  
2 a palm side for contacting a lacrosse stick;  
3 a backside having a plurality of protective  
4 pads disposed thereon; and  
5 an enlarged area extending away from said  
6 backside for contacting and blocking a lacrosse ball.

1           14. The glove of claim 13, further comprising:  
2           a cuff portion for contacting at least a  
3 portion of a wearer's wrist;  
4           a hand portion coupled to said cuff portion and  
5 having an inner side and an outer side that each extend  
6 between said palm side and said backside; and  
7           a plurality of finger portions secured to and  
8 extending from said hand portion.

1           15. The glove of claim 14, wherein said  
2 enlarged area extends outwardly beyond said outer side of  
3 the glove.

1           16. The glove of claim 14 further comprising:  
2           a wrist guard coupled to said backside of the  
3 glove.

1           17. The glove of claim 14, wherein said  
2 enlarged area includes a flange portion extending from  
3 said outer side of the glove.

1           18. The glove of claim 16, wherein said wrist  
2 guard has a first end adjacent said inner side and a  
3 second end adjacent said outer side and wherein said  
4 second end extends beyond said outer side in a generally  
5 planar manner to act as a shield to block a lacrosse  
6 ball.

1           19. The glove of claim 18, wherein said second  
2 end of said wrist guard is larger than said first end.